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Dear Mr. Mayer:

## FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE GLENDALE STUDY AREA, SOUTH PLUME

I have reviewed the document, "Remedial Investigation of Groundwater Contamination in the San Fernando Valley, Feasibility Study for the Glendale Study Area, South Plume Operating Unit", prepared by James M. Montgomery Consulting Engineers Inc. and submitted by the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power, under cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The document appears to represent a thorough review of the methods available for cleanup of the ground water contamination in the Glendale area.

I am concerned about the implementation of Alternatives 4 and 5 which are outlined in the document. Both of these alternatives involve discharging 2,000 gallons per minute of treated water to the Los Angeles River. This action would appear to violate Article 10, Section 2 of the California State Constitution, which in part, directs that "the water resources of the State be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent of which they are capable and that the waste, or unreasonable use, or unreasonable method of use of water be prevented." The May 12, 1992 memorandum from Frances McChesney of Office of Chief Council, which was attached to my letter reviewing the Feasibility Study for the Glendale Study Area, North Plume, supported the conclusion that the alternatives would violate this section of the constitution.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review this document. If I can be of further assistance, I can be reached at (916) 657-0783.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maryann Jones".

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